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Lanthanum (La3+), samarium (Sm3+), erbium (Er3+) and lutetium (Lu3+) inhibited the proliferatie response of human lymphocytes to con A, pokeweed mitogen (PWM), phytohemagglutinin (PHA) and the 'purified protein derivative' (PPD) of the tuberculin in descending order of potency. It is speculated that lanthanides (Ln3+) might find therapeutic use in arthritis.

The Speculation